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Letter dated 15 December 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Osman Ertuğ, Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 54, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) İnal BATU
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 13 December 1993 from Mr. Osman Ertuğ
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the unilateral decision adopted by the "EC-Cyprus Joint Parliamentary Committee" at its meeting held in the Greek Cypriot sector of Nicosia between 25-27 November 1993. In the said decision, the Committee, inter alia, calls for the designation of an eminent European personality to act as an observer to the intercommunal talks" and "insists that the Council of Ministers decide on this matter before the end of 1993 and that the observer should have a clear mandate to make recommendations with a view to a solution of the Cyprus problem within the basic principles and ideals entrenched in the European Treaties..."

Since, with the letter of my President, H.E. Mr. Rauf R. Denktas, dated 19 November 1993, the negative implications of the designation of an EC observer to the intercommunal talks have already been communicated to Your Excellency, I will not repeat our views on this matter.

It is clear, however, that with this decision of the "EC-Cyprus Parliamentary Committee", the Greek Cypriot side's rejection of a negotiated solution based on the Denktas-Makarios and Denktas-Kyprianou High-Level Agreements of 1977 and 1979, respectively, as well as the parameters which have emerged from the later stages of the negotiations, has once again been confirmed.

With this decision, the Greek Cypriot side makes it clear that the solution it is seeking is not one which will be based on the mutually accepted principles mentioned above, but on those "entrenched in the European Treaties". This approach is totally incompatible with the principles of a bi-communal, bi-zonal federation, which constitute the cornerstone of a negotiated solution in Cyprus. Furthermore, the Greek Cypriot side's attitude

in this regard is contrary to the principle of a "freely negotiated" solution, also emphasized in Your Excellency's relevant reports, because it means that a solution should be sought not within the framework of the results of direct negotiations between the two sides, but within the context of a multilateral instrument which gave life to a forum of which the two sides are not members.

I shall be grateful if this letter is circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 54, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Osman ERTUĞ
Representative
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus